EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DATA COLLECTION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **October 2, 2013**

                    1:15 P.M.

LOCATION: Decatur Twp. Fire Department

                    5410 South High School Rd

                    Indianapolis, IN 46221

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Valentine

                     Michael Lockard

                     Darin Hoggatt

                     Gary Robison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Olinger

OTHERS PRESENT: EMS State Director Mike Garvey, Fire Marshal Jim
                    Greeson, Jenna Rossio, Robin Stump, Jason Smith,
                    Candice Hilton, Brian Carnes, Katie Gatz, and Liz Fiato.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm by Commissioner Michael Lockard.

Review of Meeting notes from previous meeting

The minutes where adopted at the August 16, 2013 EMS Commission meeting. The following is the motion made at the EMS Commission meeting to adopt the minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Valentine to approve the draft minutes from the July 17, 2013 EMS Commission Sub-Committee for Data Collections meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lockard. The motion passed.

EMS Commission Chairman Lee Turpen and Vice Chairman Chuck Valentine met prior to this meeting to discuss the direction they would like to see the sub-committee go from this point. EMS Commission Vice Chairman Chuck Valentine reported on the meeting. Commissioner Valentine reported that the state agencies will be left to sort out what they need to sort out with the vendors. Some of the things Chairman Turpen and Vice Chairman Valentine brain stormed and came up with the following things that they believe would need to be looked at and measured from the data that is being collected across the state: in the trauma realm- injuries, severity score, what kind of injuries and be able to tie outcomes to these things. In the EMS specific world we need to look at strokes, with specific things being: times on scene and if we are capturing and document times of on-set of symptoms well-are people calling immediately when symptoms start or are they waiting hours before they call for EMS help, heart attacks and stemis, what is the time to 12 lead, was the administration of aspirin listed as one of the medications given, patient satisfaction-are we making our patient happy?- we would use pain management as the scale for that measurement.   Hopefully we are already capturing this information. A lot of discussion followed Commissioner Valentine's report regarding data that is currently being reported to the state.

Discussion evolved to include the data dictionary and the need to update the Indiana data dictionary. Mr. Gary Robison asked "why would we need to re-write the dictionary when NEMSIS is already working on it?" We could just adopt NEMSIS's data dictionary for Indiana. Discussion also was made concerning the "drop dead date" for the NEMSIS 2.0 version. The date is December 31, 2014 for NEMSIS version 2.0 to be unable to use to report to NEMSIS. More discussion followed. Staff needs to find out if Firehouse is going to go to NEMSIS version 3 and if Firehouse is capable of accepting more than the required data elements, will a big download from provider organizations be accepted on the Indiana EMS state servers. Commissioner Lockard stated that the NEMSIS version 3 is geared toward pediatrics, heart attaches, strokes, trauma, and emergency response. More discussion followed regarding how and when Indiana should go about changing to NEMSIS version 3and also how data can be validated. The question was asked who would decide what the minimum reported data elements should be. Commissioner Hoggatt and Commissioner Valentine stated that it would be the Data Collection sub-committee making the recommendation on what the minimum reported data elements should be to the EMS Commission. Fire Marshal Greeson called Carmen from NEMSIS to answer questions that came up during this meeting. Staff needs to call Firehouse to find out if they are getting a validation program. More discussion followed.

The Sub-Committee members that were present agreed to take the following recommendation to the EMS Commission for adoption:
The sub-committee members recommend that by January 1, 2014 all EMS provider organizations that are required to send only xml files using the NEMSIS version 2, 83 data elements.
The sub-committee also recommends that Indiana will end collection of NEMSIS version 2.2.1 on December 31, 2014 and will move to NEMSIS version 3 as of January 1, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.